



ECOS

2019 ECOS Spring Meeting

Agenda as of February 8

Partnership in Action: Advancing Collaboration, Certainty, & Confidence

April 8-10 (Welcome, Networking, & New Member Orientation on April 7)

Crystal City, Virginia | Renaissance Arlington Capital View Hotel

Items Shaded in Green are Closed Sessions.

Sunday, April 7

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.	Early Registration Open <i>Check in at the registration desk and stop by the IT desk for help installing your meeting app.</i>	Foyer
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Welcome, Networking, & New Member Orientation for New and Returning Members and Invited Alumni 4:00 p.m. Welcome and Self-introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Becky Keogh, ECOS President and Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Jim Macy, ECOS Vice President and Director, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality 4:20 p.m. ECOS 101 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Don Welsh, Executive Director, ECOS 4:30 p.m. Making the Most of Your ECOS Membership Roundtable with Q&A <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Patrick McDonnell, ECOS Secretary-Treasurer and Secretary, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (confirmed) ❖ Todd Parfitt, ECOS Past President and Director, Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (invited) ❖ Janet Coit, Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (invited) 5:15 p.m. Speed Mentoring 6:00 p.m. Informal Gathering at SOCCi within Hotel	Studio D

Evening open for networking and individually arranged meetings.

Monday, April 8

7:30 a.m.	Registration Desk Open <i>Check in at the registration desk and stop by the IT desk for help installing your meeting app.</i>	Foyer
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Salon 1
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Advancing Collaboration Side Session Option 1: Shale Gas Caucus – Pathways for State Promotion of Innovative Methane Technologies <i>Many stakeholders see an opportunity for regulation to recognize and encourage innovative ways to achieve environmental goals more efficiently. New approaches to manage methane leaks are forging the way for the regulations of the future. Come hear from state and federal regulators, industry, and environmental NGO and academic experts about a new EDF/SGC framework on methane innovation and collaboration.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Dave Glatt, SGC Co-Chair and Chief, Environmental Health Section, North Dakota Department of Health (co-moderator) (invited) ❖ Jim Kenney, SGC Co-Chair and Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department (co-moderator) (confirmed) ❖ Aileen Nowlan, Senior Manager, EDF+ Business (confirmed) ❖ Karen Marsh, Senior Environmental Engineer, U.S. EPA Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards (invited) ❖ Arvind Ravikumar, Assistant Professor of Energy Engineering, Harrisburg University of Science & Technology (confirmed) ❖ Drew Pomerantz, Principal Research Scientist & Program Manager, Schlumberger Limited (invited) 	Studio D
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Advancing Collaboration Side Session Option 2: ECOS & U.S. EPA Cooperative Federalism Oversight Workgroups <i>Open to workgroup members.</i> <i>This session will center on work ECOS and U.S. EPA are pursuing to apply cooperative federalism principles to U.S. EPA oversight of programs implemented by authorized or delegated states. Test application has begun with Title V and NPDES permit programs. Members will discuss ongoing work and explore expanding efforts beyond the test states and current programs.</i>	Studio A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ David Paylor, ECOS Oversight Workgroup Vice Chair, President of the Environmental Research Institute of the States, and Director, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (moderator) (confirmed) ❖ TBD, ECOS Oversight Workgroup Chair ❖ Henry Darwin, U.S. EPA Oversight Workgroup Co-Chair and Assistant Deputy Administrator, U.S. EPA (invited) 	
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Advancing Collaboration: U.S. EPA Regional Administrator Discussions <i>Open to state and U.S. EPA representatives, who should take a seat at the appropriate Regional table.</i>	Salons 1-3
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break with Refreshments	Foyer
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Plenary Session: Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Call to Order, ECOS President Becky Keogh, Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality ❖ Welcome Remarks, TBD ❖ Agenda Preview, Becky Keogh ❖ Self-Introduction of ECOS members & staff ❖ ECOS Member Trivia Game, emceed by Don Welsh, ECOS Executive Director 	Salon 4
11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.	Crowdsourcing Solutions Session <i>Faced with complex environmental challenges, states must continuously explore creative and cost-effective solutions. In this interactive dialogue, ECOS members will present challenges faced in the areas of stormwater, nutrient management, and environmental justice, and all attendees will have a chance to chime in with solutions.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Don Welsh, Executive Director, Environmental Council of the States (moderator) (confirmed) ❖ Janet Coit, Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (confirmed) ❖ Noah Valenstein, Secretary, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (invited) ❖ Myra Reece, Director of Environmental Affairs, South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (invited) 	Salon 4
12:25 – 1:40 p.m.	Advancing Collaboration with U.S. EPA: Lunch with Conversation between ECOS President Becky Keogh, Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, and Andrew Wheeler, U.S. EPA Acting Administrator (confirmed)	Salon 1-3
1:45 – 2:15 p.m.	Building Confidence through Technology: E-Enterprise Digital Transformation Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Speakers TBD 	Salon 4

2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	Creating Certainty through Results: Permit Timeliness Roundtable <i>This session will examine work of ECOS and U.S. EPA through the E-Enterprise for the Environment initiative to promote timely permit review. ECOS members and U.S. EPA will report on efforts to address issues such as incomplete permitting applications and permit tracking.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jim Macy of Nebraska, ECOS Vice President, E-Enterprise for the Environment State Co-Chair and Director, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (confirmed) ❖ Henry Darwin, E-Enterprise for the Environment Federal Co-Chair and Assistant Deputy Administrator, U.S. EPA (invited) ❖ State TBD 	Salon 4
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Break with Refreshments	Foyer
3:30 – 4:10 p.m.	Advancing Collaboration: State-U.S. EPA Partnership Roundtable <i>Open to states and U.S. EPA. This dialogue will focus on the next round of National Compliance Initiatives and progress under U.S. EPA's 2018 interim guidance on enhancing Region-state compliance planning.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jim Macy of Nebraska, ECOS Vice President and Director, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (confirmed) ❖ Susan Bodine, Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance 	Salon 4
4:15 – 5:15 p.m.	ECOS Executive Committee <i>Open to ECOS members and staff.</i>	Salon 4

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Tuesday, April 9

7:30 a.m.	Registration Desk Open <i>Check in at the registration desk and stop by the IT desk for help installing your meeting app.</i>	Foyer
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Continental Breakfast	Salon 1-3
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Closed Side Session Option 1: ECOS Data Management Workgroup <i>Open to states and invited guests. Participants may take continental breakfast into the room.</i>	Studio D
7:30 – 8:45 a.m.	Closed Side Session Option 2: Environmental Research Institute of the States <i>Open to states and invited guests. Participants may take continental breakfast into the room.</i>	Studio A
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Building Confidence in Communities: Rising to the PFAS Challenge <i>The pervasiveness of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in the environment has emerged as a top challenge for state and federal environmental agencies. This panel of senior leaders from Massachusetts, U.S. EPA, and U.S. DOD will highlight recent strides in regulating these contaminants.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Marty Suuberg, Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (moderator) (confirmed) ❖ Jennifer McLain, Acting Director, U.S. EPA Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water (invited) ❖ Maureen Sullivan, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment, U.S. Department of Defense (confirmed) 	Salon 4
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.	Building Confidence in Communities: Water Quality Update Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ David Ross, Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA Office of Water (invited) ❖ Other Speakers TBD 	Salon 4
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.	Break with Refreshments	Foyer
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Workshop Option 1: Budget 101 <i>Join state and U.S. EPA officials for this practical overview of the most pivotal budget-related issues facing state environmental commissioners. Topics covered will include Performance Partnership Grants and Agreements, State Revolving Funds and other infrastructure funding, and the federal appropriations and EPA grants process.</i>	Salon 4

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Myra Reece, Director, South Carolina Department of Health & Environmental Control (moderator) (invited) ❖ Valerie Thompson, ECOS State Grants Subgroup Tri-Chair and Director of Administration, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (invited) ❖ David Bloom, Chief Financial Officer, U.S. EPA (invited) ❖ Dierdre Finn, Executive Director, Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities (confirmed) 	
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Workshop Option 2: Improv 101 <i>In this interactive session, ECOS Secretary-Treasurer Patrick McDonnell, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, will lead exercises to promote active listening.</i>	Studio D
12:35 – 1:55 p.m.	Advancing Collaboration with Congress: Lunch with U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works Ranking Member Tom Carper (D-DE) (confirmed) & Member John Boozman (R-AR) (invited), introduced by ECOS President Becky Keogh, Director, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality	Salon 1-3
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Hot Topics Session: Integrating Environmental and Energy Agencies & Overcoming New Barriers to Recycling <i>As the work of environmental protection evolves, state agencies must find innovative ways to adapt. For example, the increasing nexus of environmental and energy issues has prompted some state environment and energy agencies to integrate or to collaborate more closely. Meanwhile, new Chinese restrictions on the import of recyclable feedstocks often collected through municipal programs are driving cities and states to reevaluate their plastic recycling strategies. This interactive session will explore how states are adapting to shifting landscapes, allowing significant time for audience participation.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Liesl Eichler Clark, Director, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (moderator) (invited) ❖ Barry Breen, Acting Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management (invited) ❖ Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director, National Stewardship Action Council (confirmed) 	Salon 4
3:00 – 3:15 p.m.	Break with Refreshments	Foyer

3:15 – 4:30 p.m.	<p>Building Confidence in Communities: Strategies for a Clean & Renewable Energy Future</p> <p><i>Across the nation, there is growing momentum among states, cities, corporations, and other stakeholders toward setting GHG reduction goals and procuring more energy from clean and renewable sources. Economics, customer expectations, and government policies are contributing to a long-term shift in both the electric power and mobile source sectors. Join us to discuss how can work together as we embark on this new energy future.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Ben Grumbles, ECOS Air Committee Chair and Secretary, Maryland Department of Environment (moderator) (confirmed) ❖ Alan Matheson, ECOS Air Committee Vice Chair and Director, Utah Department of Environmental Quality (confirmed) ❖ Katy Dykes Williamson, Commissioner, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (invited) ❖ Allen Schaeffer, Executive Director, Diesel Technology Forum (confirmed) ❖ TBD, Investor-Owned Utility (invited) ❖ TBD, BP America (invited) 	Salon 4
5:00 – 8:30 p.m.	<p>Advancing Cross-Border Collaboration: Dinner Reception with Remarks by Rachel McCormick, Counselor & Program Manager, Energy & Environment, Embassy of Canada</p>	Embassy of Canada 501 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 – 7:15 a.m.	Morning Stretch , led by Jim Kenney of New Mexico, certified yoga instructor <i>Open to all attendees. Please bring a large towel.</i>	Studio D
7:30 – 8:30 a.m.	Closed Session: Buffet Breakfast <i>Open to states.</i>	Salon 1-3
8:00 – 10:30 a.m.	Closed Session: States-Only Dialogue ❖ Resolutions Discussion & Voting ❖ White House Office of Management & Budget Speaker TBD ❖ Cooperative Federalism Discussion <i>Open to states.</i>	Salon 4
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break with Refreshments <i>Open to states.</i>	Foyer
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	Closed Session: State Legislative Roundtable <i>Open to states and invited guests.</i> For state environmental commissioners, effective communication with your legislatures can go a long way to help both your organization and your mission. This dialogue will provide insight into critical dynamics in the statehouse, as well as tips for making legislative relations more proactive and less pressure-filled. ❖ John Tippetts, Director, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (moderator) (invited) ❖ Ben Husch, Natural Resources & Infrastructure Committee Director, National Conference of State Legislatures (invited) ❖ Mark Anderson, Co-Chief Executive Officer and Principal, Stateside Associates (invited)	Salon 4